

As an attorney and businessman I favor the "Market place of ideas" that is found on satellite radio. I enjoy moving back and forth between right and left wing programs to hear varied opinions on topical issues and events. I can then truly compare and contrast these varied opinions. No other radio or tv broadcast can offer me this approach. This truly promotes a democratic society and gives the listener who will listen to both sides the opportunity to truly consider all views.

Mass communications can create so much verbage that the communication is just noise and not conducive to anything productive.

When communication is directed at too large and diversified groups, such as must be done in broadcast tv, the programming must be so generic that it has no more impact than a bowl of oatmeal.

A vibrant democracy requires a convenient "market place of ideas" where involved citizens and consider all views. In a strange way, the divergent views actually can lead to consensus building when the citizens have a convenient forum to visit for information and views.

However, we must remember that TV and Radio do not exist just to spread political views and information. Flashy pictures and great music keep listeners and viewers. Local news, weather and traffic, are always very important. If these areas are denied to satellite radio, then we should deny color TV transmissions and deny music transmissions on radio! We should also shut down the weather station on Cable TV!

Obviously, the bedrock of this country is free speech and economic competition. We can strengthen this bedrock by taking actions that encourage free speech and economic competition. Satellite Radio is in the unique position to further all interests that are dear to a vibrant America. No limits or restrictions should be placed on Satellite Radio.

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